

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The specification has been amended as indicated on page 2.

Claims 3, 4 and 7-11 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependent claims and to change wording to be consistent with U.S. practice.

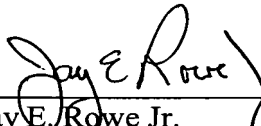
Upon entry of the amendments, Claims 1-20 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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